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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:
Wipfel et al.

Serial No.: 09/879,583

Filed: June 12, 2001

For: METHOD FOR DETECTING
AND RESOLVING A PARTITION
CONDITION IN A CLUSTER

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Attorney Docket No. 26530.60 / IDR285

Customer No. 27683

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Examiner: Gerezgiher, Yemane M.

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Examiner:

In response to the Office Action of November 15, 2004, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page
2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.